

Through Keystone Keyhole

Password is 'Quack, Quack' As Keystone Ducks High Tide

Don't know how wet you got over the weekend, but the password in these parts will be "Quack-quack" for quite a spell.

Several things had to be called off due to the weather. The general exchange of stamps that was programmed for the regular meeting of the Keystone Area Stamp Club will be the main point on the agenda at the next meeting scheduled for March 28, according to President E. P. Chace. These meetings are held in the field house at the Avalon-Sepulveda Park, and any interested persons may attend. Junior stamp collectors are always welcome to these twice-a-month get-togethers.

The regular monthly meeting of the Keystone Woman's Club was held March 12 at the Woman's clubhouse, 127 E. 220th St. The meeting, presided over by Mrs. O. O. Gray, featured election of the nominating committee. Members chosen were Mrs. Pauline Tourtelot, chairman, with Dr. Ethel White and Mrs. M. Helback serving on the committee.

Discussion of an adult YWCA group to be started in this area occupied some of the new business time. Members were urged to attend a meeting held March 18 at the Avalon-Sepulveda Park clubhouse. Hostesses for the meeting were Mmes. J. Stamps and V. Morton.

The Keystone branch of the National Fuchsia Society held its regular monthly meeting March 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Keystone Woman's clubhouse. Mrs. Frank Alsop presided over the interesting session, which featured colored slides of desert wild flowers found in California and Arizona. This pictorial program was presented by Homer Rush.

A report was given by Mrs. E. Everson on the national society's flower show which will be at Knott's Berry Farm June 26, 27 and 28.

Guests were Mrs. Mildred Foster of Gardena and Mrs. Ida Erwin of Long Beach. A door prize was given to a younger member of the club, Mrs. Patricia, a potted azalea. The usual plant sale was held after the business meeting, conducted by Mrs. D. Donahue.

Refreshments were served with Mmes. Alsop and J. H. Parker as hostesses. Mrs. Patricia's Day served as motif with whipped green jello, shamrock-topped cup cakes and shamrock napkins.

Anyone interested in flowers may attend these meetings which are held the second Tuesday of each month at the clubhouse.

Camp Fire and Blue Bird leaders of the upper harbor area met at Halldale School in Torrance March 13 at 7:30 p.m. for their regular monthly meeting. Mrs. William Hoy presided over the session, when plans were made for the candy sale in April and this week's observance of the 42nd birthday of Camp Fire Girls. Bluebirds and Camp Fire members are requested to wear their respective uniforms during the week.

Different craft projects were displayed during the meeting. A report was given on the annual Area Camp Fire Girls council meeting, which was held recently at the Los Angeles Breakfast Club by Mrs. Laura Larrabee. Mmes. Edna Courtney, Mildred Zarwell and Laura Larrabee of Alondra Park were hostesses for the refreshment period, when donuts and coffee were served.

Areas represented were Hawthorne, Alondra, Gardena, Torrance and Keystone. From Key-

stone were Mmes. D. Jones, R. Landon, I. Moore, J. Lewis and C. Linn.

The Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary met March 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. J. G. Caldwell, 22120 Monica Ave. Mrs. Caldwell presided over the meeting, when it was decided to make slippers for small children at county hospital for the next major project. Mmes. M. Weber, M. Bradford and Montoya were hostesses for the refreshment period.

Four students from Carson St. School have been chosen to attend the KTLA Playcrafters television programs March 19 and 26. The program is viewed at 5 p.m. KTLA-TV.

Particular interest for children will be demonstrated as project for the program. Children to appear are Nancy Wall, Michael Cochran, Ernest Rados and Elsie Rains. Accompanying the group will be Mrs. Bortram Rains.

John Doyle, B-6-A-6 teacher at Carson, will resume duties this week after an absence of four weeks, during which he had been convalescing from surgery. Welcome back!

Blue Bird and Campfire groups meet each Tuesday afternoon at the school. There is a need for more Campfire leaders and mothers interested may call the above number for information.

Plans for Easter baskets were made at the executive board meeting of Carson St. PTA March 14. The baskets are being made by children at school and will be filled by the PTA. The business session, presided over by Mrs. Jack Spence, dealt with the appointment of four members to be sponsors of newly formed Blue Bird and Camp Fire groups. Members chosen were Mmes. A. Barkan, C. Whittenburg, J. Spence and James

A report on the progress of the sale of school T-shirts was made by Mmes. R. Gilbert and J. Luten. It is hoped that each and every child at Carson St. will soon be adorned in his own school uniform.

Mrs. M. Q. Wallace, Carson principal and Mrs. Alma Blake were chosen to represent the school and the Parent-Teacher Group at the meeting of the Civil Defense medical division for the unincorporated territory held later in the day at Long Beach.

A pot luck luncheon was served following the meeting. Mrs. Wallace's guests were Mrs. Eleanor Swimm, primary supervisor, and Mrs. Ruth Pipkin, counselor from the south district of city schools.

PTA members attending the business meeting and luncheon were Mmes. Spence, C. Linn, J. Campbell, M. Wallace, W. Nott, J. Elmore, G. Barkan, C. Whittenburg, R. Gilbert, A. Blake, C. Brooks, R. Landon and J. Luten.

During the PTA meeting word was received that Mrs. Frank Racho (our parliamentarian) had presented her husband with his first son March 13 at 3:30 a.m. The young lad weighed in at 9 pounds at Harbor General Hospital. They have three girls at home waiting to welcome their brother. The Rachos reside at 21400 Bonita St. Congratulations are in order.

The monthly meeting of Carson St. PTA will be held tonight at the school in bungalow 11. There will be a deputy registrar there at 7 p.m. to register voters for the coming elections. The meeting will start at 7:30 and will feature fathers as hosts and in charge of the program.

Election of officers and committee for the new year will be

Tommy Johnston Enlists in Navy

Another Torrance youth has been called to active duty with the armed forces.

Jarold "Tommy" Johnston, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Johnston of 1651 - 216th St., is now in San Diego awaiting orders for the submarine school in New London, Conn.

A 1947 Torrance High School graduate, Johnston was employed at Northrop Aircraft before being called into the Naval Reserve in February for two years active duty. While at Torrance High he lettered in cross-country track and belonged to the Order of DeMolay.

Walteria News Notes

By BETTY MITCHELL Phone Lomita 2635-W

The Walteria WSCS held its monthly meeting in the Recreation Hall Monday evening, March 17. Those there planned a mothers and daughters banquet to be held Monday, April 21 in honor of Mother's Day. Also discussed was the coming flower show and several other events, including the rummage sale to be held in San Pedro this weekend.

Mrs. Mollie Dowd, Los Codona Ave., was the guest of Mrs. Marguerite Murray, Los Angeles, on Sunday to Thursday of last week. "Mollie" has now returned to her post as Walteria librarian.

Carolyn Harline, Los Codona Ave., has a display of personal paintings being shown at the Torrance Library. These paintings show real talent and I hope that many of our residents will take time to visit the library and see them.

Mrs. R. M. Harrison, Los Codona Ave., was visitor at the home of her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Batezell, Alhambra, recently.

The stork was busy again this week when he left a bundle for Mr. and Mrs. Bill Slonecker. The bundle was a girl, weighing 8 lbs. 9 oz., who was named Pamela Jane. Congratulations to the new parents!

The MYF here in Walteria is participating in a talent night show at San Pedro Methodist Church Friday, March 28. They will represent one of seven churches which are pooling talent to bring an evening of varied entertainment in a two-hour variety show. The MYF will present a play titled "The Body Family on Sunday Morning," which is a 15-minute portrayal of Sunday morning confusion. Those in the play are Robert Sumpter, Colleen Gordon, Margaret Tinkle, Otto Stieffel, Gwen Chaffin, Vicky Hagan and Donny Crowell. The choir will also sing a number on the program.

The Walteria PTA held its monthly meeting Thursday evening, March 13, in the school auditorium. A very interesting program was presented, including a lecture by Judge Ida Mae Adams of the Los Angeles Superior Court. Her subject was the discipline of children and the state as a foster parent. She was very well received and highly enjoyed. An exhibition and demonstration of the kindergarten finger painting was also on the evening's program. A trio of girls, Sharon and Sandra Buchanon and Ornell Rainwater, sang several spirituals. Officers for the coming year were also elected. They were as follows: Mrs. Bruce Howey, president; Mr. E. Powell, vice president; Mr. Kirks, second vice president; Mrs. Maurice Willey, recording secretary; Mrs. Walter Wild, financial secretary; Mrs. E. B. Pau, treasurer; Mrs. Gloria Retchia, auditor and Mrs. Barbara Camilleri, historian.

A training course for Brownie Troop leaders will be given March 20, 25, 27, and April 1 and 3 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Torrance. If anyone reading this column is interested in taking this training, please contact Mrs. Waegner at 24740 Winlock Dr. or phone Lomita 1201-J. There is a crying need for more Scout leaders in our community, so we hope there will be a number from here that are interested in this worthwhile work.

Guest at the home of the Tinkles on Newton St. recently was Mrs. Tinkle's nephew, Merle Walker, from Idalou, Tex. Mr. Walker is superintendent of schools in Idalou, and was in Los Angeles for the education convention.

Sore throats have really been in order of the day at the Ivan Kettering residence. Seems that the family just recovered from a bout with the mumps when Mrs. Kettering caught the quinsy. Hope this finds her well again and that she stays that way.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Freels, Danaha St., left for a vacation in Texas last week. They and their daughter, Pamela, intend to be gone a couple of weeks. Sounds like a lot of fun.

Also planning a trip in the near future are the Paul Bownens of Danaha St. They are planning a three-week trip to the south to visit Paul Bowen's family.

Saying farewell to our community are Jean and Pat Stewart of Danaha St. They are moving to Bellflower, where Pat is taking over his own insurance business. Though we are sorry to see them leave, we are certainly joining in with their friends, wishing them the best of success in their new venture. Come and see us some time, folks.

A fine surprise was given Margaret Tinkle recently when 20 of her friends gathered to give her a surprise birthday party in honor of her 17th birthday. The guests gave her many lovely gifts, enjoyed an evening of games and then topped off their good time with a sandwich, cake and punch. The refreshment table looked lovely done in white, crystal and silver, with the big birthday cake decorated in pink and green forming the centerpiece. May we add our congratulations to those of her friends and say a belated "Happy Birthday."

The Walteria Kitchen Symphony is really gaining fame in the surrounding communities. They performed in the Wilmington community sing, and in the very near future are billed for a meeting of the Gardena PTA. Since their appearance on Bill Gwin's TV program, "Music in My Life," the group has really been busy keeping engagements.

Plans for the Flower Show to be held at the Recreation hall in May are going full steam ahead. According to all reports this is going to be a really worthwhile display. Judges for the show are now being selected.

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